

2022 Junior Baseball League Game Rule Modifications

Website: <http://www.city.cleveland.oh.us/CityofCleveland/Home/Government/CityAgencies/ParksRecreationandProperties/DivisionofRecreation/SeasonalActivities>

Home team is listed second on the season schedule. Home team Bench is on the 3rd base side.

RAINOUT HOTLINE: (216) 664-6002 (Call after 4 p.m. on Weekdays and after 8 a.m. on weekends)

1. **Grace time for games:** Grace time for teams arriving late will be determined by the league administrator Based on transportation and scheduling issues. Please contact the league admin at 216-200-9839 if your team is not going to be on time for a reason beyond your control.
2. **Time Limit:** No new inning may start after 2 hours or (7) innings. **Umpires – Please inform the Field supervisor and both team managers of the actual starting time of the game.**
3. **Run Spread:** (10) runs after 5 innings. Losing team must bat equal number of times.
4. **Mercy Rule:** (15) runs after 3 innings. Losing team must bat equal number of times.
5. **Slaughter Rule:** No team may score more than (5) runs in an inning. If (5) runs are scored before 3 outs-the inning is over. NO—any additional runs that score on the last play do not count.
6. **The Starting Lineup:**
Continuous order The coach has the option of going with a continuous batting order. If a player gets ejected in this situation – it is an out when that player comes up to bat.
10 in the Line-up The coach may go with a (10) player batting order with (1) Extra Player (EP). If the team does not have any additional players and a player gets ejected in this situation – It is an out when that player comes up to bat.
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9 in the Line-up The coach may go with a (9) player batting order. If the team does not have any additional players and a player gets ejected in this situation – It is an out when that player comes up to bat.
8 in the Line-up The coach may start with a (8) player batting order. The late arriving player may be added to the bottom of the lineup at that time. If the team still has only (8) players and no additional players at the time of the ejected player – Then while the team has only 8 players and no subs – it is then a forfeit.
7. **Inclement weather:** Umpires will stop the game for 30 minutes if Thunder or Lightning takes place. Any game stopped after 6:45 p.m. will not be restarted. Game will be rescheduled from the beginning unless it is an official game. 5 innings or 4½ innings if home team is winning
8. **Re-entry Rule:** Starters may re-enter the game as long as **he returns in the same spot in the batting order.** (i.e): Starter is batting 3rd in the starting line-up and a substitute player comes In for him in 2nd Inning. The starter may only re-enter in that 3RD spot in the lineup.
If not using the continuous order
9. **Emergency re-enter:** **Any player** may re-enter if a player from the team has to leave due to an injury or Family emergency. If they had a continuous batting order or no other player is available – Then – it is **not an out** when the batter would have been up to bat.
10. **Bats:** Participants are permitted to **use only -3 BBCOR or wooden bats.**
11. **Distances:** Bases are 90 feet. Pitching rubber is 60.6 feet.
12. **NO Metal Spikes:** Participants **are not allowed** to wear metal spikes. **Player changes shoes, No Penalty**
13. **Speed Up Rules:** **Intentional Walk:** No Pitches need to be thrown—Just tell Umpire “We are walking him”
Courtesy Runner for Catcher: Mandatory with 2 outs, Optional with less than 2 outs
Home run over the fence: Runner only has to touch 1B
14. **NO Head First Slides:** Head First sliding is not permitted. However on a pickoff move, the player is allowed to Dive back. **On a head first slide - Runner is out, other runners return to their original base. If the batter hits the ball, he returns to bat again with that count.**
15. **Extra Inning Rule:** The visiting team starts with their runner who made the last out from the previous inning (in Playoffs only) being put on 2B. The home team gets the same opportunity in their time at bat.
Special Note: It may be used during a regular season game if the time limit has not expired yet.

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AN ADDED RULE ADDENDUM

HOW THE BALK RULE WILL BE ADMINISTERED IN THE JUNIOR BASEBALL GAME:

On the first "Called Balk" with that pitcher:

Step 1: Umpire will call time and request the coach to come out with him and his pitcher.

Step 2: The Umpire will explain why he balked. Hopefully, Coach can teach him the correct way.

On the second "Called Balk" with that same pitcher:

Step 3: The umpire then will call the balk and administer the penalty of a balk.

Yes – If a new Pitcher enters the game – He gets that same opportunity as stated above.

Field supervisor will call in the game score immediately after the game to (216) 664-2118